



WELCOME HOME

Transitioning America's Veterans

A Documentary By Sheila Higgins & Beth Dolan

THE FILM

WELCOME HOME **follows** the efforts of **Veterans Maurice Wilson and Vic Martin**, of the San Diego Veterans Coalition, in their mission **to ensure every Veteran and their family successfully reintegrates** back to society. Having created **Centers for Military and Veteran Reintegration** in San Diego, California, they travel across the country sharing their experiences to **empower communities to work together** as a **Sea of Good Will** to create their own **reintegration centers**.



Veterans being welcomed home in California

WHY THIS FILM

Serving in the U.S. Armed Forces is an honorable path that **should be celebrated and applauded**. Yet the value of this service is not always reflected in **Veterans'** experiences upon leaving the military. They **often face** problems related to **difficulties in transitioning** from military life to civilian life, which can involve **navigating complex bureaucracy** to access benefits; the **effects of traumatic or moral injuries**; and the **systemic differences** between **military and civilian worlds**.

Working with communities to **get past differences, share resources and come together** for the **greater good** not only for their **Veteran population**, but for the **benefit of the entire community**, is the mission of Maurice Wilson and Vic Martin. In a seemingly divided world, **bridges can be built** through **listening, caring and persistence**.



Maurice Wilson works with Veterans during a Reboot Workshop



In WWII units returned home together, today individuals are discharged on their own

IMPACT & OUTREACH STRATEGY

Your Financial Support Assists The Following:

- THE FILM
- Film Festivals
- Educational Tour
- Virtual Events
- PBS

Completion of Production & Post-Production; filming & travel, editing, sound design, color-correction, rights & legal, final output.

Targeted U.S. mainstream & military film festival screenings; submission, travel, promotional costs to increase national awareness for military mental health policy change.

Conferences, organizations, communities; travel, film screening, key guest attendance and screening guide material costs to promote military transition advocacy nationwide.

Ongoing virtual discussion series; production, key guest appearance and marketing costs to provide thought-provoking content to our growing social media following.

Potential national broadcast; film delivery and promotion costs to reach a viewership audience of 2-3 million.

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FROM THE HEART PRODUCTIONS**

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TARGET AUDIENCE

- **Corporate, business and local governments** who will be hiring, working with and supporting Veterans
- **Community civilian organizations** that encourage civilian involvement with reintegration, or looking for an opportunity to reach out to the Veteran community
- **Active Military and Veteran communities/organizations** to showcase how they can create their own Center for Military/Veteran Reintegration
- **Foundations** that support community partnerships and Military/Veteran communities



"Civilians may not be aware of the unique challenges that separating from military service and returning to civilian life can present."

-- U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs

THE CAST

Master Chief Petty Officer, U.S. Navy, Retired, **Maurice Wilson** is currently the President/Executive Director of the National Veterans Transition Services, Inc. Troubled by the high unemployment, homelessness, growing suicide rates and other issues associated with military to civilian reintegration, Mr. Wilson designed REBOOT, a behavior-based transition program designed to help returning service members and Veterans/families successfully reintegrate back into civilian life after years of military service.



Medically-retired U.S. Navy Mineman, **Victor E. Martin**, is an advocate, educator and keynote speaker focused on Veteran issues related to active-duty service members transitioning into civilian/Veteran life and on those struggling with reintegration while living with mental health diagnoses. Through his own mental health experiences, he has developed a level of understanding, patience and empathy that allows for true peer-to-peer mentorship and leadership.

With over six years of experience as an Aviation Electronic Technician in the US Navy, **Rachel Oswalt**, now a Veteran, witnessed the poor state of mental health in the military and the lack of adequate support and resources for Active Duty and Veterans. She left the service with a mission to make a positive difference in Washington State and to empower others to overcome challenges, reintegrate into civilian life and achieve their goals. Rachel is working with Maurice Wilson and Vic Martin to bring a Center for Military and Veteran Reintegration to her Oak Harbor, WA community.



THE PRODUCING TEAM

We're a multiple award-winning production team who have worked together on film, TV and live-events projects for over twenty years. We focus our creative resources on stories that promote the betterment of humankind.

Our most recent documentary STRANGER AT HOME premieres on the PBS WORLD Channel and various PBS stations on Veteran's Day, 2023, across the U.S..

Please watch our WELCOME HOME trailer [HERE](#):

